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KOREA

1. DURING 5-HOUR SEOUL STOPOVER FROM JAPAN, SECRETARY SPENT OVER THREE HOURS WITH PARK, INCLUDING LUNCHEON ATTENDED BY PM KIM AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHUNG, PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN REPORTS. HAK ASSURED PARK THAT REDUCTION OR WITHDRAWAL OF UN FORCES FROM SK WAS NOT DISCUSSED DURING HIS PEKING VISIT; "FIRMLY UNCLASSIFIED

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REAFFIRMED" THAT US-ROK MUTUAL DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT WILL BE MAINTAINED; TOLD PARK US WAS IMPRESSED WITH HIS JUNE 23 ADVOCACY OF BOTH KOREAS' ENTRY INTO UN; PLEDGED US SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING ROK DIALOGUE WITH

NK; AND WELCOMED PARK'S WILLINGNESS TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH COMMUNIST NATIONS, ROK SOURCE DISCLOSED. US SOURCE SAYS MAJOR PURPOSE OF HAK'S ROK VISIT WAS TO TELL SEOUL HE HAD MADE NO SECRET COMMITMENT TO PRC ABOUT REDUCTION OR WITHDRAWAL OF US TROOPS IN SK; HOWEVER, SOURCE ADDS, SECRETARY DID NOT NECESSARILY MEAN USG TOTALLY RULES OUT ANY POSSIBILITY OF US TROOP CUTBACK OR PULLOUT IN FUTURE (REUTER).

2. EARLIER NYT SEOUL DISPATCH QUOTED ROK OFFICIALS SAYING SECRETARY WAS EXPECTED TO DELIVER MESSAGE FROM PEKING, THAT ROKG WAS NOT SURE IT WANTED TO HEAR, ABOUT POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF US FORCES. OFFICIALS SAID HAK'S VISIT WAS ARRANGED AT THE LAST MINUTE BECAUSE SOMETHING CAME UP IN PEKING, AND THEY WERE NOTIFIED 10 DAYS AGO THAT HE MIGHT BE COMING IF DEVELOPMENTS WARRANTED. SENIOR US MILITARY OFFICERS IN SEOUL REPORTEDLY CONCEDED NO SOUND MILITARY REASON FOR MAINTAINING US CONTINGENT; MAIN REASON FOR ITS PRESENCE IS POLITICAL.

3. OBSERVERS NOTE THAT THOUGH SOME ARE SMALL AND QUICKLY SUPPRESSED, SK STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE, SEEM TO BE SPREADING, AND AUTHORITIES APPEAR UNABLE TO STOP THEM. KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE SEEN AS MAJOR PRECIPITATING FACTOR IN STUDENT UNREST; LITTLE OR NO ANTI-AMERICANISM EVIDENT (WP).

4. THURSDAY'S KOREA U DEMONSTRATION MARKED BY BRICKS, STONES, TEAR GAS (AP WP, SUN). NYT'S HALLORAN, IN SEOUL, SAYS ABOUT 2,000 STUDENTS TOOK PART IN KOREA U DEMONSTRATION:AND "IN ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF THE GROWING DISCONTENT HERE," DEAN AND 8 FACULTY MEMBERS OF HANKUK THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY WERE JOINED BY ABOUT 90 STUDENTS IN SHAVING THEIR HEADS TO PROTEST GOVT. RESTRICTIONS. MEANWHILE, STUDENTS AT SEOUL NATIONAL U SIT AROUND TALKING QUIETLY, BOYCOTTING CLASSES. NEW TACTIC OF PASSIVE RESISTANCE BY STUDENTS APPEARS TO HAVE BAFFLED GOVT. FOR THE MOMENT; UNCLASSIFIED

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IT DOES NOT DESIRE FURTHER DAMAGING IMAGE ABROAD BY HEAVY-HANDED POLICE ACTION -- ESPECIALLY ON EVE OF UN'S KOREA DEBATE. STUDENT RESISTANCE APPEARS TO HAVE EMBOLDENED OPPOSITION PARTIES, NEWSPAPERS, SCHOLARS, ARTISTS AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS. HALLORAN CONCLUDES, FROM 3 DAYS OF TALKS WITH STUDENTS, TEACHERS, NEWSMEN, OPPOSITION POLITICIANS AND DIPLOMATIC OBSERVERS, THAT "SITUATION IS SERIOUS, AND NOT MERELY A SCATTERING OF PROTESTS." SEEMS AGREED, HE ADDS, THAT CRITICAL PERIOD WILL COME NEXT SPRING WITH END OF SCHOOL YEAR.

5. REUTER (SEOUL) REPORTS FRIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT BY KOREA U OFFICIALS SUSPENDING CLASSES FOR ONE WEEK. YONSEI

U STUDENTS FRIDAY DECIDED TO BOYCOTT CLASSES INDEFINITELY.

6. ROKG PROPOSED TO NK THURSDAY THAT THEY MEET AND DISCUSS WAYS TO RESUME DIRECT POLITICAL TALKS. SOURCES SAY SEOUL HAS TOLD PYONGYANG IT IS READY TO TAKE UP REORGANIZATION OF SNCC (AP, WP). AT UN, ROK CALLS FOR ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS, WP'S ASTRACHAN REPORTS. SAYS IF HAK WINS PARK'S OK FOR SOME COMPROMISE ON TWO KOREAN RESOLUTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION, THIS WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO US-PRC RAPPROCHEMENT AND ALSO MIGHT HELP US AND ROK ACHIEVE UNGA VICTORY, THEREBY AFFECTING NK'S DIPLOMACY. ASTRACHAN SEES PSYCHOLOGICAL DEFEAT FOR US IF ALGERIAN DRAFT GETS SIMPLE MAJORITY.

7. TELTSCH (NYT) NOTES AMB. SCALI SAYS US WILLING TO SEE NEW ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR SAFEGUARDING KOREAN PEACE AND SECURITY, BUT THAT IT WOULD BE "FOOLHARDY IN THE EXTREME" TO SCRAP UNC UNTIL ALTERNATIVE FOUND. WHILE SCALI WOULD NOT RELATE HIS STATEMENT TO SECRETARY'S SK VISIT, DIPLOMATS AT UN ARE LOOKING FOR LINK BETWEEN THESE EVENTS, PARTICULARLY SINCE HAK'S SEOUL VISIT WAS LATE ADDITION TO HIS SCHEDULE MADE AFTER SEEING CHINESE LEADERS.
JAPAN

8. NYT'S BUTTERFIELD, IN TOKYO, REPORTS SECRETARY CONCLUDED 2 DAYS OF TALKS WITH TANAKA AND SENIOR GOJ LEADERS, "APPARENTLY WITHOUT GIVING THEM THE ASSURANCES THAT THEY HAD HOPED HE WOULD PROVIDE AS TO WHEN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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ARAB NATIONS WOULD RESTORE THEIR OIL CUTS."

9. IN LIGHT OF DWINDLING OIL RESERVES, TANAKA TWICE TOLD HAK THAT GOJ WILL BE COMPELLED TO SWITCH ITS ME STAND FROM NEUTRALIST TO PRO-ARAB IF ME SETTLEMENT AND COOPERATION FROM US OIL COMPANIES ARE NOT FORTHCOMING (CULLISON, JOC; REUTER). MURRAY (REUTER) QUOTES INFORMED GOVT. SOURCES AS SAYING KISSINGER'S REACTION WAS UNFAVORABLE IN VIEW OF DESIRE THAT NOTHING INTERFERE WITH ME BALANCE. CHITRIB REPORTS OHIRA SAID THAT HAK ASSURED JAPAN HE WOULD "MAKE EVERY EFFORT" TO EASE SHORTAGE; BUT SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT US COMPANIES SUPPLYING JAPAN ARE HELPLESS TO HALT OIL CUTOFF AND GOJ MUST AWAIT GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE NEXT MONTH FOR SOLUTION (NYDN, JOC). THREE CABINET MINISTERS LEFT PRESS WITH IMPRESSION HAK MEETINGS HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTMENT. NAKASONE, STRONGEST PRO-ARAB VOICE, SAID HE TOLD HAK THAT 1967 BORDER SHOULD BE BASIS FOR ME SETTLEMENT (UPI), AND HAK HAD OFFERED NO ASSURANCE ON WHEN ME CRISIS WOULD RESOLVE OR OIL EXPORTS RESUME. FM OFFICIAL TELLS PRESS CRISIS SO SERIOUS THAT "WE CANNOT RULE IT (ARAB DEMAND) OUT" (NYT; JOC, NYDN).

10. PEPPER (SUN) REPORTS THAT DESPITE ARAB PRESSURE, JAPAN UNLIKELY TO BREAK WITH ISRAEL SINCE COSTS OF SUCH WOULD OUTWEIGH BENEFITS. "WE MIGHT GET OUR OIL," BUSINESS EXECUTIVE SAID, "BUT WE'D NEVER SELL OUR PRODUCTS ABROAD". SOURCES SAID GOJ WOULD DISPATCH SEMIOFFICIAL ENVOY TO EXPLAIN POSITION TO ARABS. HAK GAVE AICHI BRIEFING ON ME AND PRC VISIT, BUT CONVERSATION WAS KEPT CONFIDENTIAL (UPI). SECRETARY CONCLUDED TALKS WITH GOJ, CULLISON REPORTS, WITH HOPE OF LEADING JAPAN INTO JOINT FORMAL CONFERENCE ON COORDINATION OF ENERGY POLICIES NEXT MONTH. ME SETTLEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO TIMING AND LOCATION OF CONFERENCE. ORIGINALLY KISSINGER VISIT WAS TO COVER RANGE OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING CHINA VISIT AND PROPOSAL FOR DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES AMONG INDUSTRIALIZED DEMOCRACIES; MCCLOSKEY SAYS TOPICS WERE COVERED BRIEFLY DUE TO ME AND OIL CRISES (PEPPER, SUN).

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11. CULLISON ASSERTS SECRETARY "WORKED HARD" TO CONVINCE JAPANESE THAT JOINING FORMAL CONFERENCE ON COORDINATION OF ENERGY POLICIES WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE THEIR RELATIONS WITH MAIN ARAB OIL-PRODUCER STATES. SAYS HAK'S TOKYO CONVERSATIONS, "ALTHOUGH OUTWARDLY PLEASANT," WERE "PROVED STRAINED TO SOME EXTENT" BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY HEAVY WEIGHT JAPANESE HAVE PLACED ON THEIR CURRENT OIL SUPPLY DIFFICULTIES. SAYS SECRETARY FORCED REPEATEDLY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT US REALIZES JAPAN'S EXPOSED POSITION TO ARAB RETALIATION AND IN EVERY DISCUSSION WITH JAPANESE HE "HAD TO BEND OVER BACKWARDS" TO SHOW SYMPATHETIC ATTITUDE TOWARD GOJ OIL PROBLEMS. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE WAS LITTLE HE COULD DO TO ASSURE THEM OF US HELP.

12. REUTER REPORTS THAT WITH ONLY 50 DAYS RESERVES, GOJ HAS ESTABLISHED EMERGENCY PETROLEUM MEASURES HEADQUARTERS HEADED BY PM TANAKA WITH FOUR KEY CABINET MINISTERS. EMERGENCY LEGISLATION WILL BE INTRODUCED DEC. 1 IN NEXT PARLIAMENTARY SESSION; UNTIL THEN, MEASURES WILL BE ADMINISTRATIVELY GUIDED. STRICT CONTROLS ON IMPORT AND EXPORT OF OIL AND RELATED PRODUCTS WILL BE IN EFFECT AS WELL AS GOVT.-INSURED DISTRIBUTION OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES. OPERATING HOURS FOR STORES, CLUBS AND TV STATIONS WILL BE CUT AND HEATING TURNED DOWN TO 68 DEGREES. GOVT. CUTS IN LIGHTING, CAR AND ELEVATOR USAGE ALSO ORDERED.

13. HEAD OF JAPAN'S LARGEST CHEMICAL COMPANY AND UNOFFICIAL SPOKESMAN FOR LIBERAL BUSINESSMEN WARNED IN NEW YORK NEWS CONFERENCE THURSDAY THAT UNLESS FUEL CRISIS IS SOLVED, GOJ ECONOMY FACES

NEAR-DISASTER. HE ESTIMATED ENERGY SHORTAGE WOULD DROP GOJ PRODUCTION 10 TO 20 PERCENT. SAID, IF CRISIS CONTINUES AND AGGRAVATES, JAPANESE ECONOMY WILL BE SERIOUSLY DISTURBED AND IF SO, ITS EFFECT ON OUR CURRENT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS WILL BE GRAVE." HE URGED BASIC CHANGES IN LONG-TERM ECONOMIC POLICY; EXPECTS LITTLE BENEFIT FROM SOVIET FUEL DELIVERIES BUT HAS HOPES OF ALASKAN SUPPLIES IN FUTURE (NYT, JOC).
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14. CHITRIB'S STARR CONCLUDES FROM "SOMEWHAT ANTICLIMACTIC COMMUNIQUE" ISSUED AFTER KISSINGER CHINA TRIP THAT SECRETARY CAME AWAY "WITH A SLIGHT DIPLOMATIC ADVANCE THAT HE HOPES WILL LEAD TO THE EVENTUAL EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS WITH PEKING." FINDS SECRETARY "DISPLAYED NO SIGN OF DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE BLAND NATURE OF THE COMMUNIQUE DESPITE SOME EXPECTATIONS OF SOME MORE SPECIFIC RESULTS." SAYS IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT MAO LOOKED HEALTHIER THAN IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS WITH HAK, AND AMERICANS HAD IMPRESSION MAO WAS TRYING TO MAKE CLEAR HE IS IN CHARGE, MAKING BROAD POLICY DECISIONS, "AND HIS POINT WAS EFFECTIVELY MADE."

15. ASIAN GAMES FEDERATION COUNCIL VOTED FRIDAY TO ADMIT PRC TO NEXT YEAR'S ASIAN GAMES IN TEHERAN IN PLACE OF GRC. VOTE RATIFIED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECISION TAKEN IN BANGKOK LAST SEPT. THAILAND, PHILIPPINES, SVN, CAMBODIA AND INDONESIA AMONG FIERCEST OPPONENTS OF RESOLUTION (REUTER).

16. CITING HK'S CONCERN OVER INCREASING FLOW OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS, WP'S GREENWAY SAYS UNANSWERED QUESTION IS WHY PRC IS PERMITTING SO MANY PEOPLE TO LEAVE COUNTRY. REPORTS HK SOURCES SPECULATE THAT PEKING SIMPLY DECIDED TO LET GO THOSE WHO COULD NOT ADJUST TO "THE NEW CHINA." BUT UNLIKELY THAT MANY WILL GO BEYOND HK SINCE MOST SEA COUNTRIES RELUCTANT TO TAKE BACK CHINESE WHO CHOSE TO LEAVE. AS FOR RELEASE OF TWO-THIRDS OF IMMIGRANTS WHO ARE PRC-BORN, EXPERTS CAN ONLY SUGGEST THAT ALLOWING PEOPLE TO LEAVE IS PART OF GENERAL LOOSENING-UP PROCESS GOING ON IN PRC.

17. PRC ANNOUNCES GRAIN HARVEST EXCEEDING 250 MILLION TONS THIS YEAR, DESPITE DROUGHT AND FLOODING (WP, NYT). JOC REPORTS PRC HAS PURCHASED 50,000 TONS OF FLORIDA PHOSPHATE ROCK, ESSENTIAL FERTILIZER INGREDIENT -- FIRST SINO-US CONTRACT OF ITS KIND.

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18. NYT'S TRUMBULL IN SYDNEY REPORTS "DISARRAY"
IN PARLIAMENT THURSDAY IN AFTERMATH OF WHITLAM COCKTAIL
PARTY FOR VISITING KIRK. WHITLAM "INSINUATED" IN
HOUSE THAT OPPOSITION LEGISLATORS HAD OVERINDULGED
AT PARTY; AFTER HEATED EXCHANGES ON HOUSE FLOOR, ACCORDING
TO MEDIA REPORTS, OPPOSITION LIBERAL PARTY MEMBER
FOLLOWED WHITLAM INTO CORRIDOR AND CALLED HIM COARSE
NAME; IN SEPARATE TIF THURSDAY WITH ALP MEMBERS,
WHITLAM THREATENED TO RESIGN OVER DISAGREEMENT ON
PROCEDURES FOR SETTING TARIFFS ON COLOR TV SETS WHEN
THEY ARE INTRODUCED IN 1975. TROUBLE IN HOUSE STARTED
IN NIGHT SESSION AFTER COCKTAIL PARTY. ANGRY DEBATE
ERUPTED OVER GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTI-
TUTION THAT WOULD REQUIRE SIMULTANEOUS ELECTIONS TO
SENATE AND HOUSE.

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19. NYT'S /NOTES ON PEOPLE" COLUMN NOTES THAT AFTER
TWO YEARS AS US

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